

# State Workforce Board Publishes Request for Proposal, New Process Set To Improve Funding

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*Wilmington, Del. Feb. 13, 2018* – Delaware workforce training providers will have the chance over the next few months to compete for public funds to train adults and youth in needed job skills thanks to a recently released Request For Proposal.

The Delaware Workforce Development Board, which spent the past year revamping its funding processes, released its RFP for In School Youth, Out of School Youth, and Adult Training, said board Executive Director Bill Potter.

“Providers who want to submit a proposal need to pay special attention to the details of the RFP,” Mr. Potter said. “There have been significant and substantive changes to the process.”

The some of the most significant changes include:

- The end of development sessions, which helped prospective providers improve their written submissions;
- New mandatory orientation sessions;
- An invitation only oral presentation; and
- Longer contract lengths.

“The goal is to focus on programs that can move the workforce readiness dial with limited funds,” Mr. Potter said. “A lot has changed and prospective providers must read the RFP thoroughly to ensure they are competitive.”

The actual RFP is available at Delaware Bids website at <http://bids.delaware.gov/>.

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*The workforce system supports career pathways through a seamless service delivery approach by providing job seekers and workers information, technology, career development and coaching, supportive services, and training in demand industries and occupations needed to get and keep good jobs in alignment with employer talent pipeline needs.*